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UFOs that landed, abducted witnesses, and emitted occupants, light beams, sounds and an odor; objects that caused physiological and electro-magnetic effects; others that paced a truck, dropped from a cloud, caused animal reactions and frightened witnesses; a UFO that took control of a truck; an object that apparently caused the air to warm; another that paced a car at 90-100 m.p.h.; and a UFO that hovered over a tractor were characteristics of sighting reports from at least 10 states and five foreign countries during the period February-July. Witnesses included a pilot, a former Air Force (AF) pilot, police, a police dispatcher, park rangers and a military Brigadier.

Due to lack of space, the reports are presented in capsule form, with all pertinent data intact. Case sources are in parentheses.

• May 13. About 9:30 p.m. Near North Wayne, Me. Michael Waitt was walking toward his home when he spotted a round object with lights on the top and bottom and "circled with many lights." "It came smoothly across the field and when it reached the wires, it slowed down and then speeded up as it went over the roof," he stated. Michael's mother, Mrs. Mary Waitt, said he was "quite pale and excited." His father and a friend, Ronald Merrifield, noticed a "peculiar smell" that "burned the nostrils somewhat." (Augusta, Me., *Daily Kennebec Journal*, May 17, 1976).

• May 13. Around 3 a.m. Near Lakewood, N.J. While driving, John Sholder and three others saw a UFO heading north. "It was at treetop level as it approached my car," Sholder related. "It was saucer-shaped with white square blinkers in the center, and they were going on and off rapidly like a neon sign. There were orange lights at the top and bottom and a green light at the bottom." As Sholder turned around to follow it, the object disappeared. The witness added he tried to use his citizens band radio, but "it went dead." (Lakewood *Ocean County Daily Times*, May 13, 1976).

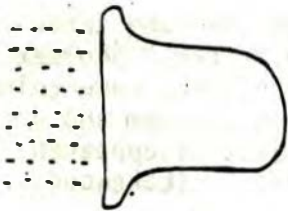
• April 12. Approximately 10:30 p.m. Ross Township, Pa. Harry McAfee, his father (a former AF pilot), Police Officer Roger Meanor and Police Dispatcher Bill Thomas saw UFOs. "I saw four objects," McAfee related. "They were traveling eastward and then turned around and went in the opposite direction. They had flashing lights all over -- red, white and green. They were flashing in an erratic, rapid fashion. The four seemed to be spaced evenly apart, but not in a formation. One seemed to pass almost directly overhead... I could make out the shape as flat and circular underneath. I watched for about 10 or 12 minutes. They flew at a steady speed... I did hear a low humming sound." The elder McAfee said the UFOs were 50-60 feet in diameter, with large red lights "on either side flashing very fast." "It definitely wasn't an airplane or anything I've ever seen," he remarked. (Pittsburgh, Pa., *North Hills News-Record*, May 8, 1976).

• July 18. About 9:05 p.m. Point Pleasant, Pa. Ronald Rossi and Judy Parsons observed a bright UFO over the trees in the east above Ralph Stover State Park. "It hovered in the distance and then came gradually closer," Rossi stated. "The light was very bright, like a movie marquee. I couldn't tell if it was spinning or it was a strobe effect. I could hear a... low hum." Judy described what she saw: "We watched it for about 10 minutes as it [came] closer and closer. We could... see it was saucer-shaped with a dome. When it was about 800 to 900 yards away, a light was directed downward, sweeping the tops of the trees. Then I got scared, too. We were not drinking. We saw it, and no jet could have travelled from the east to the west horizon in a minute. None would have had a light so bright. It got pretty spooky." The couple ran for their car in the dark park. "When we found it, we drove off as fast as we could," Rossi related. "I didn't look back, but my girl said the object still hovered." (The (Doylestown, Pa.) *Daily Intelligencer*, July 20, 1976; Levittown, Pa., *Bucks County Courier-Times*, July 21, 1976).

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• July 18. Around 10 p.m. Near Gravel Switch, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilpin were driving on Highway 68 in Marion County when they saw a UFO. "We looked up above and saw something hovering over the road....," Gilpin stated. "We got scared and stopped the truck. And about the time we stopped, this thing started toward us... I tried to back up, and the thing took control of the truck. The truck commenced swaying all over the road, and I finally got it turned around.... It seemed like something had ahold of the truck where we couldn't take off.... We went up the road about a quarter of a mile, and it just headed over the truck right up through there.... It seemed like something was hold-

ing us up all the time.... The speedometer said 70 or 80 but yet we wasn't getting nowhere fast [*sic*].... When we turned into the drive, it turned us loose and it seemed like we was [*sic*] a flying." The Gilpins turned into the driveway of Mrs. Judy Taylor's sister near Gravel Switch. "When I got out of the truck and ran toward the house..., the object had gotten up over the top of the house..., " Mrs. Gilpin related. "It was so close to the ground that I could hear the humming sound of it, and I could feel the breeze..., the air coming out of it." Judy Taylor and her nephew, Jackie, arrived and, with the others, saw the UFO, which was "round looking like a hornet's nest with red and blue and green lights on it." It "repeatedly zoomed and floated around the sky" and even reportedly chased Mrs. Taylor. When Mrs. Taylor left, the object paced her car. Jackie said he "saw some doors open underneath the craft." The UFO remained in the area until about 1:15 the next morning. A geiger counter reading of the Gilpins' truck for radiation produced negative results. (Lebanon, Ky., *Enterprise*, July 22, 1976).



UFO Sketch by Max Hooper, near Patesville, Ky., July 25, 1976

(Courtesy: Hancock County Clarion)

• July 25. Approximately 11 p.m. Near Patesville, Ky. Jimmy, Max and Joe Hooper; Mike Braswell and Gary Januchowski were camping in the woods when they spotted a "bright, glowing bell-shaped object traveling at fantastic speed in an east-to-west direction." (See sketch, left). The estimated altitude of the UFO was 450-550 feet. The mysterious craft apparently disappeared, then reappeared flying in the opposite direction. The gold object that emitted "sparkles" from its rear made a third pass across the sky. The youngsters admitted they were frightened. One boy said he was so scared he hid under his sleeping bag. (Howesville, Ky., *Hancock County Clarion*, July 29, 1976).

• June 25. Shortly after 11 p.m. Near Plant City, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Coons were watching TV in their trailer home when their "horse and dog began making noises." They looked out of a window and observed "a large, bright orange object in the sky approaching" their trailer. "It looked like fire and hurt my wife's eyes," Coons remarked. Mrs. Coons ran for their camera, but, when she turned the bedroom light on, "the object reversed its direction instantly and sped off silently at a high rate of speed and disappeared." (*Plant City Courier*, June 30, 1976).

• February 16. Evening. Steffenville-Newark, Mo., area. While driving her truck, Lynn Hoffman spotted a brilliant object that hovered 30-40 feet above her and "lighted up the whole road." The witness said she was "awfully scared." Then the UFO turned north, rose and disappeared. (*La Belle (Mo.) Star*, March 3, 1976).

• May 31. Elmwood, Wisc. Mrs. Pearl Phipps and her two grandchildren were talking over their citizens band radio to a friend in Dobson when they spotted two golden-red, star-like lights low in the sky. One object "moved up and down until it was about 25 feet from the ground... and would change from what looked like a star to a flashing ray that would almost blind them." The second light "moved from side to side as if guarding the other light." (*Elmwood Argus*, June 3, 1976).

● June 25. Early morning. Calumet, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Juneau, Outagamie, Sheboygan and Waupaca Counties, Wisc. Numerous witnesses, including police, observed UFOs. The sightings began at 1:20 when Mr. and Mrs. Dale Knol, of Fox Lake, saw a mysterious object. Assistant Police Chief Jim Scoville, of Weyauwega, observed "a red, white and green flashing light" during a tour in his patrol car at about 3:00. "If it wasn't a weather balloon," the awman stated, "I don't know what the hell it was." Kettle Moraine Park area rangers reportedly photographed a bright UFO moving east over Greenbush and Mauthe Lake. Ripon Police Officer Steve Sell and his partner saw "a very bright light" with a "jerky movement." Two other star-like UFOs "came close to the object itself as it was moving." The main object made "a full sweeping turn" twice in a 30-second period. Sell, also a pilot, and his partner watched it near Rosendale from around 3:10 until 4:00. Sell said it appeared "to bounce and waver in movement" at times. At 3:17, an Outagamie County policeman observed the UFO "directly over Treasure Island." Other officers saw a "red, green, and blue flashing object, moving vertically and horizontally at extremely fast speed" north of Waupaca 18 minutes later. At 3:37, Manawa law enforcement personnel observed an object that "was zig-zagging at a very high rate of speed." The UFO's color changed "from red to green to red to white." According to reports, "one officer saw an extremely high object which traversed the horizon in 30 seconds." A U.S. Weather Bureau spokesman in Green Bay said no weather balloons had been released. (*Sheboygan Press*, June 25, 1976; Appleton, Wisc., *Post Crescent*, June 25, 1976).

● July 12. Nearly midnight. Savanna, Okla. Three boys saw three saucers. The objects "looked like two saucers placed together, white in color with rotating bluish-green lights in the midsection, a red light which 'would blind you, it was so bright' on top and a bright beam of light which seemed to search the woods." The witnesses said "the air seemed to grow suddenly warmer before they saw the objects." They heard a "whooshing" sound as the UFO ascended. Two of the strange craft rose out of sight, and the third "disappeared in the treetops." The following evening -- July 13 -- the boys observed two red lights "coming down the side of the mountains" which "seemed to float up above the trees." (McAlester, Okla., *Democrat*, July 15, 1976).

Lost Hiker Encounters Occupants

● June 9. Around 10 p.m. Near Echo Lake, Colo. On Tuesday, June 8, Michael R. Lusignan was hiking in the Colorado mountains when he became lost. The following evening he set up camp. He looked to the west and observed "two rectangular flying objects come down and land" in Vance Creek. Then he saw 15-20 men, women and children nearby. Thinking they may be rescuers searching for him, he approached and attempted to engage them in conversation, but "they talked in such low whispers that he was unable to understand what they were saying." The witness said the apparent occupants had eyes that were far apart and were "dressed in Indian or gypsy clothing." Otherwise, they appeared to be normal humans of average size. He said they forced him from his campsite, but, when he awoke the following morning, they had disappeared. Lusignan added he heard dogs and horses reacting during the night. When Lusignan did not return to Denver as expected on the afternoon of the 8th, his wife alerted the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Department, and a full-scale search was launched. By the evening of the 10th, the search was called off. The following Sunday morning -- six days after he began his trip -- Lusignan was discovered by two cyclists lying at the bottom of a cliff. He was rescued and spent the night in St. Anthony's Hospital, Lakewood. (Idaho Springs, Colo., *Front Range Journal*, June 17, 1976).

● February 12. 7:30 p.m. Near Lemoore, Calif. Two unidentified women were driving when they spotted a brilliant, hovering light. As the car slowed, "a beam of light shot out of the UFO, lighting up the sky." "There was this explosion, and then the light mushroomed into a large cloud which just kept getting larger and larger..." the passenger stated. "At that point the cloud started shrinking and began coming towards us, and then this cloud or fog came towards the side of the car and stayed beside us..." The driver sped toward Lemoore at 90-100 m.p.h., but the object "stayed right with us." "As we were reaching Lemoore," the passenger continued, "a car came the other way, and we watched as the cloud disappeared in its headlights. We were so frightened." (Hanford, Calif., *Sentinel*, July 10, 1976).

● April 14. About 11:45 p.m. Sunland, Calif. Marsinah Murakami walked onto the back porch of her home. She saw a bright white light "above the mountains coming towards her." Ten minutes later, it was directly overhead. The witness said it was "brighter than the searchlight on a helicopter until it got overhead," then "appeared as a dull greyish disc with four dim lights near the center." "It paused just for a couple of seconds and then it whooshed off," she said. Two months later -- at approximately 3:40 a.m., June 13 -- Ms. Murakami observed a large, star-like, stationary UFO that "glinted red every second or so." A number of dogs in the neighborhood were barking. The object disappeared and reappeared moving toward the mountains. The witness said it was "like a floating bubble." "When it got to the mountains," she stated, "it moved up the edge, then down... and then it went up and over the mountain." (Tujunga, Calif., *Record Leader*, June 16, 1976).

● June 9. Approximately 9:30 p.m. Palm Springs, Calif. Mrs. Nancy Shuken and Mrs. Zelda Segall observed a "dirigible-shaped object" that hovered over Mrs. Segall's home in the Andreas Hills area. Mrs. Segall grabbed her camera, but when she attempted to photograph the UFO, "the flash refused to work." "What was really strange," she remarked, "was when I took a picture of something else, the darn thing worked. But when I tried taking a picture of the object, nothing." The women added the telephone, radio and TV set in Mrs. Segall's home ceased functioning while the object was in the area. "What was even stranger was that after we saw the thing disappear, all this equipment worked," Mrs. Segall related, "and my camera battery was a new one. I tell you, we were scared out of our wits." Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Fine saw it in the Smoke Tree Shopping Center. "There was this one big elongated shape above us and, down the valley, there were two other round-shaped objects," Mrs. Fine said. "They didn't move." (Palm Springs *Desert Sun*, June 12, 1976).

Truck Driver Abducted on Board Spacecraft

● May 14. Early morning. Near Olavarria, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina. Nestor Urruti was driving his truck "in a thick fog" when he saw a UFO. "It opened like a big oyster and was very brilliant," the witness stated. "Following that, the truck and I found ourselves inside. From then on it was completely dark. The tremendous brilliancy had blinded me. Afterwards I could see an enormous panel of three or four meters size, in the shape of a horseshoe. And on it were instruments similar to clocks, with needles but without numbers. And on that panel were also drawings resembling flowers of strange shapes, with yellow and violet colors. I had quieted down when I felt a cask with several cables being put on my head. I heard many things -- things I don't want to translate [*sic*] because I have a wife and daughter, and I don't want anything to happen to them." The witness was released, and he returned to his place of employment with a "strong attack of nerves." Urruti was examined by the psychiatric chief of the Coronel Olavarria Hospital. He suffered from "a sensation of languor" and "sharp pains in [his] waist and neck." (Buenos Aires *La Razon*, May 22, 1976).

● June 4. Afternoon. Virgen de Lujan, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina. Jose Pascali, a TV repairman, was driving when his car stalled at an intersection. Looking up, he saw "a very luminous UFO" approximately 30 meters in diameter. The object circled the area for awhile, then rose out of sight. As soon as the UFO disappeared, the automobile returned to normal function. (Buenos Aires *Cronica*, June 5, 1976).

● July 4. 8 p.m. La Querencia, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina. While driving his tractor, Carlos Negri saw a bright light. The light "turned into a blinding flash." Then Negri saw the outline of a saucer 5-10 meters in diameter "with a dome in the middle" and a yellow light that increased in intensity. The UFO "moved slowly near the ground." The object hovered over the tractor, and the frightened witness hurried home, where several others also saw the craft perform "violent maneuvers." The UFO's light turned blue, and it "flew close over the roof of the house." (Buenos Aires *La Nacion*, July 8, 1976).

● June 10. About 11 p.m. Bergeforsen, Sweden. K.G. Backlund and Pertti Niemenen observed "three shining objects... in formation" that "dropped down from a dark cloud." The UFOs "moved forward and sideways." One of the objects tilted, revealing an ellipsoid shape. The UFOs "then rose and disappeared in the cloud." (*Sundsvalls* (Sweden) *Tidning*, June 11, 1976).

● April 2. Near Isfahan, Iran. Gholam Reza Bazargani, of Chalus, Iran, was walking in the woods when he observed a UFO descend and stop directly above him. The witness, apparently temporarily paralyzed, watched in horror as four "beings" abducted him on board the spacecraft. For some time, Bazargani was examined by the occupants, then passed out. "The next thing I remember is that I woke up back on earth early in the morning [April 4], not in the lush Caspian forests, but surrounded by barren lands," he remarked. For nearly two days, the abductee was held on board the UFO, but he was unable to remember details. He made his way to Isfahan, spent the day being interviewed by psychologists and the police, and returned to Chalus. He was given a clean bill of health. Meanwhile, residents of Marvine and Lanjan, near Isfahan, also reported seeing UFOs at the same time Bazargani claimed he was abducted. (Tehran, Iran, *Kayhan International*, April 7, 1976).

● May 4. Evening. Capetown, South Africa. A mysterious series of blasts reportedly shook portions of the coastline while a UFO was observed by numerous area residents. Brigadier Cyrus Smith, public relations director for the Defence Force, was one of the witnesses. He saw a rocket-like object that "flew rapidly on a direct path, but... suddenly... made a smooth turn and headed off in about the same direction it had come." J. Klein and his son, of Goodwood, apparently saw the same object perform the same maneuvers. Senior AF officials reported no military aircraft in the area at the time of the sightings. (*African Star*, May 6, 1976; Capetown *Sunday Times*, May 9, 1976).

● February 17. Around 3 a.m. Wayatinah to Berriedale, Tasmania, Australia. Two truck drivers were "buzzed" by a UFO during their three-hour trip. The incident began when Ron Wilson, a maintenance engineer, and Phil Fazackerley spotted a bright, yellow-white, dome-shaped object. "It looked something like a sausage bent down at each end," Wilson stated. The UFO, estimated to be 50 feet in diameter, paced the truck, staying "slightly in front and to the left." Wilson stopped the vehicle while the object flew over the Derwent River "and hovered on the opposite side." "As soon as we started the truck up, back it came," Wilson explained. The frightened observers attempted to use the truck's wireless, but received only "a lot of static." After the men reached Berriedale, the UFO "started to climb and eventually disappeared." The witnesses said a second light also paced them from Norfolk to Berriedale. The truck's radio returned to normal function after the objects left the area. (Tasmania *Mercury*, February 25 and March 1, 1976).

● February 26. 10:50 p.m. Maydena, Tasmania, Australia. Two UFOs quickly approached the town from the east. The local church bell was rung, and "people poured out of houses into the main road and side streets." The orange-yellow objects flew over the town. One of the UFOs executed a 90-degree turn "and flew off towards the direction of Scott's Peak." One man said he saw a "cage-like structure" with a light at each end. (Tasmania *Derwent Valley Gazette*, March 4, 1976).

● April 10. Around 5:30 a.m. Near Whistler Point, King Island, Tasmania, Australia. An unidentified duck hunter saw, in the northeast, a brilliant light beam "moving across the brow of a hill less than half a mile away." The hunter said the light source "appeared to be a cross-like object" about the size of a small plane. The UFO approached the witness and "emitted an inverted cone of bright orange light which shone groundwards at an angle in front of the object." There were "brighter shafts of light" at the extremities of the UFO. The light cone "appeared to be about 30 yards across at its base and about 60 yards from its base to its source." After continuing its approach for a minute or so, the object reversed direction and disappeared "in a direct line from where it had come." (King Island *Australia*, April 14, 1976).

WOMEN RECALL FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE ABOARD UFO

Three terrified women were apparently abducted on board a UFO and examined by small creatures near Stanford, Ky., at 11:30 p.m., January 6. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. IV, No. 11, p. 2).

Mona Stafford, Louise Smith and Elaine Thomas were driving when they observed a football-shaped object "as big as a house." It "made a half circle and came in behind the car." The intensity of the UFO's bright lights gave the witnesses headaches.

The women then found they "were no longer in control of the automobile." The vehicle's speedometer registered 85 m.p.h., but Mrs. Smith "didn't even have her foot on the accelerator." Suddenly, they found themselves in Hustonville, eight miles from the scene of the incident, and "none remembered how they got there."

The witnesses drove to Louise's home in Liberty. They should have arrived at about midnight, but it was around 1:25 a.m. At least 80 minutes were unaccounted for. Then each woman discovered she had "a fresh burn... three inches long and an inch wide" on her neck. The marks disappeared two days later.

After learning of the bizarre experience, the *National Enquirer* called upon one of its hypnosis experts, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, psychology professor at the University of Wyoming. The women were hypnotized twice in July and recalled an incredible experience on board the saucer.

Mona Stafford said she was lying on a bed in what looked like an operating room. Her right arm was "pinned down by some invisible force while three or four figures in white gowns sat around her bed." She said "her eyes felt as though they were being jerked out of her head," and "her stomach felt as if it were being blown up like a balloon."

Louise Smith remembered being in a "hot, dark" place with something covering her face. She saw the occupants once, "but quickly closed her eyes because whatever she saw was frightening." Despite the deep trance, she couldn't remember what the entities looked like.

Elaine Thomas remembered the beings a bit clearer. She was lying on her back in an incubator-like chamber while "dark figures, small, looked about four feet high" walked by and scrutinized her. She felt a blunt instrument being pressed against her chest, "causing considerable pain." Something also closed around her throat and, whenever she attempted to speak, "she was choked into silence."

Detective James Young, vice president of the state polygraph association and the Lexington Police Department senior polygraph examiner, gave the women lie detector tests. He said the witnesses "actually believe they did experience an encounter."

"In my opinion, it would be very difficult if not impossible for these women to fake their impressions," Dr. Sprinkle stated.

(Sources: *National Enquirer*, October 19, 1976; and the *Liberty Casey County News*, February 12, 1976).

A LAWMAN'S ODYSSEY -- FROM CELESTIAL CONTACT TO ORPHEUS DESCENDING

Prior to the Betty and Barney Hill abduction case in New Hampshire in 1961, reliable, well-documented reports involving contact with extraterrestrials (ET) were few and far between. As recently as a decade ago, very few reputable scientists would touch such a case. Now, however, that is changing as more and more respected witnesses are making contact with -- or being abducted by -- ETs. Some wish they hadn't.

Take the case of Herbert Schirmer. At 2:19 a.m., December 3, 1967, he was secure and happy at his job as policeman in Ashland, Neb. One minute later, his life was irrevocably changed -- and not for the better. Like Orpheus descending, he began traveling the long road down.

Most serious UFO students are familiar with the facts, but, briefly, they are: while on routine patrol duty, Schirmer saw a football-shaped UFO. He attempted to call the sheriff's office, but the radio wouldn't work. The witness said "some great force was pulling the patrol car up the embankment towards where the craft was beginning to land." Then a hatch opened, and two creatures 4.5-5 feet tall with "thin, long heads, gray-white skin, flat noses, slit mouths, and slanted eyes" approached. He was taken inside the craft where "he saw a room circled with canister-shaped objects, with wire connecting them. In the middle of the room was an object, glowing red, like a spinning football." There were computers and "a map of a sun with six planets" that contained "writing beside each planet."

The ETs told the lawman they had landed "to extract power from a nearby hydro transmission line." They had also been studying earth "for a long time."

After the incident, investigators of the University of Colorado UFO Project questioned the witness and discovered about 20 minutes missing in his police log. Then he was submitted to hypnosis by Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle. Later hypnosis sessions at the University of California at Los Angeles followed where he drew "scale diagrams of the interior of the spaceship" and one of the beings.

Shortly after the encounter, Ashland Mayor N.C. Goff, a friend, promoted him to chief of police, reportedly making him the youngest lawman in the Midwest to hold such a position. Four and one-half months later, however, a new mayor fired him.

Less than a month following the incident, Schirmer's long nightmare began. Town residents "hung him in effigy, shot the effigy full of holes, painted it blood red, and carried off in a stretcher and buried it. His car was blown up. People he stopped for speeding tore up the tickets and laughed in his face... and his wife left him." He began his lonely odyssey -- to Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Oregon and Washington. He attempted a security guard business in Portland, but that went bankrupt. There were "odd jobs at ranches and in orchards," and he was "forced out of each state."

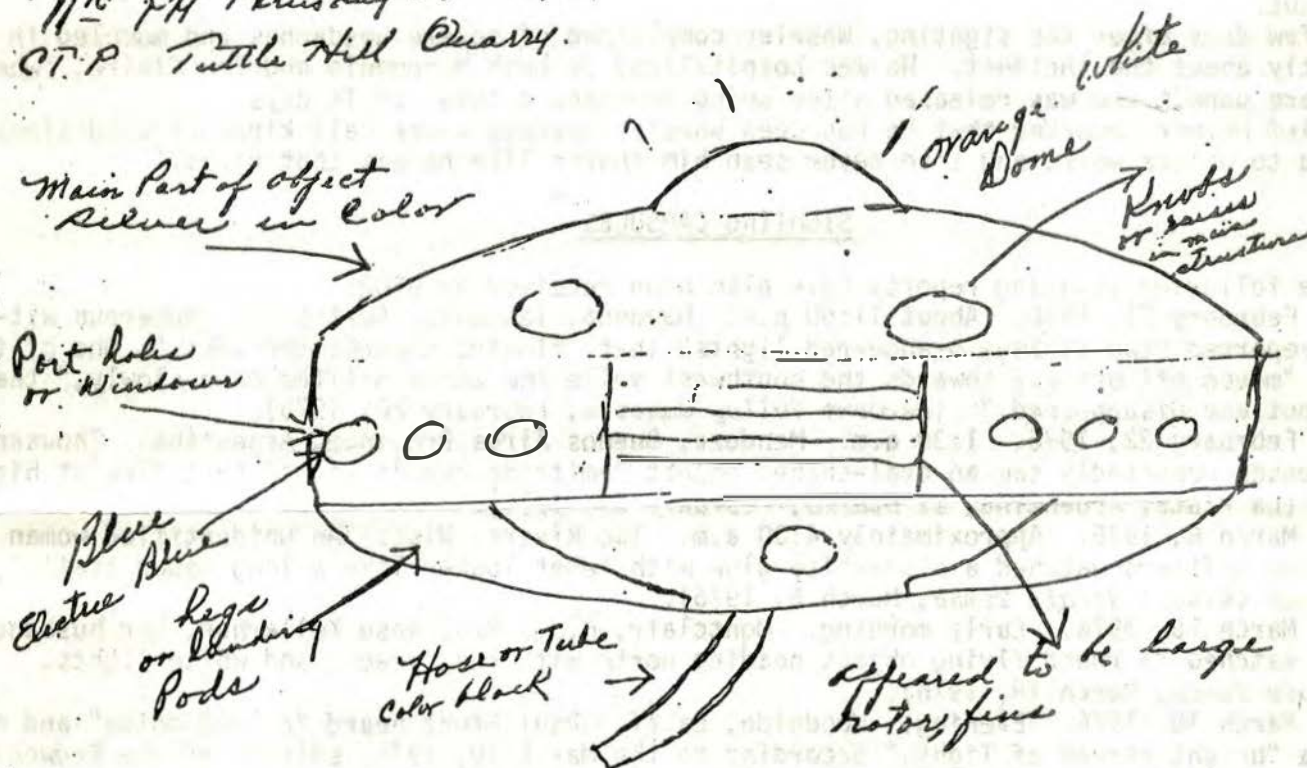
To put it mildly, Mr. Schirmer's case is unfortunate. It also tells us something about how far man still has to go toward solving his own problems of hostility and prejudice here on earth. If such an attitude continues to prevail, we can only pity the poor ETs if full-scale contact is forthcoming.

(Sources: Article by David Branch in *The* (Santa Ana, Calif.) *Register*, October 30, 1974; Miami, Fla., *Herald*, November 4, 1974; and *The* (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada) *Province*, March 20, 1976).

MORE DETAILS ON WHEELER CASE

UFOR has received more details on the bizarre UFO experience of Police Officer George Wheeler, of Elmwood, Wisc., at approximately 11 p.m., April 22. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. IV, No. 12, p. 2).

11:10 PM Thursday 22nd 1976
C.T.P. Tuttle Hill Quarry.



UFO Sketch by Police Officer George Wheeler, Elmwood, Wisc., April 22, 1976

(Courtesy: Pierce County Herald)

"When I got to the top of Tuttle Hill, there was this huge object that appeared to be about as high as a two-story house and about 250 feet across [see sketch, above]," the lawman related in the Ellsworth, Wisc., *Pierce County Herald*, May 6, 1976. "It was about 500

feet away from me and about 100 feet off the ground... There was an orange-white light at the top and six bluish-white lights on the side, and I could see shadows as if something were moving inside it. In the middle of the side, there appeared to be a panel that was open, and I could see something within it that appeared to be revolving slowly and had some fin-like parts on it. What appeared to be legs... were partially extended from the body, and there was a long, black, hose-like appendage on the craft. It rose straight up, extremely fast and, at this time, there was a type of flash, and my car lights went out, the radio went dead, and the motor stopped, and I don't remember any more until someone asked me what was the matter and if I needed help. I don't know what I saw... and I don't want to go through an experience like it again."

Just before spotting the UFO, Wheeler had radioed in that he was heading for a quarry to investigate what looked like a fire. Doris, Wheeler's wife, "heard the conversation over a police scanner in the couple's home." She heard her husband exclaim, "My God, it's one of those UFOs again!" Alarmed, she called a rest home near the field where Wheeler was observing the object and where Police Chief Gene Helmer works part-time. A nurse called Paul Frederickson, nursing home administrator, who also lives near the field.

"I got up and looked out the window and saw this glowing orange object in the sky," Frederickson stated in the *Eau Claire (Wisc.) Leader-Telegram*, May 14, 1976. "I watched it for a full 10 seconds and went back to... get my wife, but when we returned it was gone."

Wheeler said the UFO emitted a "whistling" sound as it disappeared.

Three unidentified residents living nearby reported their TV sets stopped working at about 11 p.m., but returned to normal function approximately 10 minutes later.

David Moots was the first to discover Wheeler sitting dazed in the patrol car. Moots attempted to start the automobile, but could not. It started easily when Helmer arrived at the site, but, two days later, it was discovered both the spark plugs and points had been burned out.

A few days after the sighting, Wheeler complained of severe headaches and mumbled incoherently about the incident. He was hospitalized in both Menomonie and Eau Claire, "where tests were done," and was released after being confined a total of 14 days.

Chief Helmer remarked that he has seen Wheeler operate under "all kinds of conditions relating to police work, and I've never seen him shaken like he was that night."

SIGHTING CAPSULES

The following sighting reports have also been received by UFOR:

- February 21, 1976. About 11:50 p.m. Maydena, Tasmania, Australia. Numerous witnesses reported "two strange orange-red lights" that "floated towards the west." One of the objects "moved off briskly towards the southwest while the other drifted more slowly," then "faded out and disappeared." (*Derwent Valley Gazette*, February 26, 1976).

- February 22, 1976. 1:30 a.m. Mendoza, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina. Thousands of witnesses reportedly saw an oval-shaped object "emitting orange light" that flew at high speed. (*La Plata, Argentina, El Diario*, February 23, 1976).

- March 6, 1976. Approximately 4:30 a.m. Two Rivers, Wisc. An unidentified woman and police officers watched a blue-white glow with "what looked like a long vapor trail." (*Manitowoc (Wisc.) Herald Times*, March 6, 1976).

- March 15, 1976. Early morning. Montclair, N.J. Mrs. Rose Kellerher, her husband and son watched "a round flying object heading north with red, green, and white lights." (*Montclair Times*, March 18, 1976).

- March 18, 1976. Evening. Woodside, Calif. Paul Stunz heard "a loud noise" and observed a "bright streak of light," according to the March 19, 1976, edition of the Redwood City, Calif., *Tribune*. (Probable explanation: signal flare).

- March 20, 1976. Shortly after midnight. San Mateo, Calif. Witnesses reported "red-green and white skyrockets flying over the southern part of the city," stated the *San Mateo Times*, March 20, 1976. (Possible explanation: military flares).

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